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02MRA0354**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 are currently pending and stand rejected. Applicant has amended claims 1, 9 and 19. Consequently, claims 1 and 4-20 are pending upon entry of this Amendment. No new matter has been added. Applicant has amended the specification and claims for reasons unrelated to patentability.

§ 112 rejection

Claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection with respect to claim 18 because Figures 1 and 2 and paragraphs 24 and 25 of the specification contemplate a latching connection between the front bearing part 18 and extensions 40 of the slotted guide held inside the profiled rail 14. Thus, claim 18 is definite.

With respect to claims 19 and 20, Applicant has amended claim 19 to clarify that it is directed to a structure comprising both a front bearing part and a rear bearing part. Claims 18-20 are therefore definite, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

§ 102 rejection

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 11-17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,730,487 to Hausrath ("Hausrath"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 3 contains allowable subject matter. Applicant has rewritten claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 3 to place claims 1 and 4-13 in condition for allowance.

With respect to claim 14, Hausrath does not show any bearing part having an upwardly open recess. The Office Action stated that parts 4 and 24 in Hausrath are the same as the claimed bearing part. However, as clearly shown in Figure 7 of Hausrath, both parts 4 and 24 only have a laterally-extending opening, not an upwardly open recess as recited in claim 14. Thus, Hausrath fails to anticipate claims 1, 4-8, 11-18 and 19. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

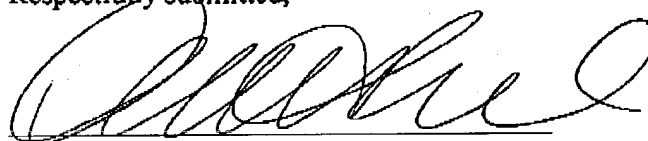
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§ 103 rejection

Claims 7 and 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hausrath. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 7 and 9-10 depend on patentable independent claim 1 and are therefore also patentable for the reasons explained above. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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